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**Council of Europe Platform to promote the protection of journalism and safety of
journalists – alert No 200/2023 – response by the Austrian authorities**

Strasbourg, am 23.11.2023

Dear Director Gruden,

With reference to alert no. 200/2023 titled *“ORF TV Crew Attacked in Vienna after a Concert”*, published on the website of the *Platform to promote the protection of journalism and the safety of journalists* on 23 August 2023, I have the honour to transmit herewith the response by the competent Austrian authorities:

“General Remarks:

The Republic of Austria attaches particular importance to the unrestricted exercise of journalistic activity and the guarantee of freedom of the press. The exercise of fundamental rights and freedoms is ensured by the Austrian security authorities in fulfilment of the tasks assigned to them by law.

Special Remarks:

With regard to the subject matter, 167 police officers were on duty in and around the stadium where the concert took place on the 26th of July 2023. At about 10:20 p.m. police officers intervened in the course of the described incident. The subject matter was logged by the Austrian Police, Dietmar Preischl interviewed, and a respective report transmitted to the public prosecutor’s office. The investigations against a suspect concerning the assault on the operator are ongoing.”

I should be grateful for this response to be made public on the platform website.

Sincerely,

Aloisia Wörgetter

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